

Wiley Acquisition					
Date	Comment	Source	Recorded By	Notes	
6/17/2019	You can keep your museum and your fake stuart statue. You won,t see us again !	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Wonderful news!!!!	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	This is fantastic. I fully support your decision to acquire this sculpture.	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	just read in the newspaper that a 30 ft tall statue which will emulate the one of jeb stuart will be erected in front of the bldg. as a member and an historian; I think this decision is a bad one bordering on ridiculous. what is the purpose of the thing ? if it is supposed to create harmony in a divided city; it will most likely do the very opposite.	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Rumors of war, let's see, does he have a gun in each hand and "Chicago" written on his shirt?	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Congratulations.	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	This is so exciting! I can't wait to see this!	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Hi Mr Nyerges, This is great news. Thanks to the VMFA for supporting Kehinde Wiley's work and purpose with this purchase. I can't wait to see it in place. Regards, Bill Simmons, Member	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	I'm excited for this new acquisition and look forward to seeing it installed. I would like to take this opportunity to express how deeply concerned I am, and I'm not alone, to have the de Pasquale Neptune figure on display. I'm curious regarding the thought processes culminating in the decision. Sincerely, Vann Williams	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Dear, The Virginia Historical Society seems to have removed the iconic horse statue to the parking deck outside the VMFA. That was the heart of the BOULEVARD. I am only one person with a broken heart that leadership in Virginia in history is seemingly gone. Richmond VA has a huge place in HISTORY to heal and preserve what happened here. JEB Stuart is part of HISTORY. Look it up. Cannot re up to VMFA	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	That is FANTASTIC!! Thank you and the Board. Melinda Skinner	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	

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6/20/2019	Dear Alex, This brings tears to my eyes. And the VMFA brings pride to our city. Bravo and thank you! Joan	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Great! I am so proud of you and the board!	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	This is so exciting! Yea!!!	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Congratulations Alex! I wish we could put it on Monument Avenue. But I know you will be the best steward. This is a tremendous gift to the world. Coleen	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Congratulations Director Nyerges. I'm biased towards Mr, Wiley, having met him at a VMJFA event, but I believe this will be an outstanding acquisition! J. Mark Evans	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Bullshit	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	This is unfortunate.	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
6/20/2019	Wonderful news. Thanks to the board.	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to acquisition announcement. Shared w/ Ellie McNevin	
7/2/2019	JEB STUART IMPERSONATION / KEEP YOUR D---- MUSEUM !!	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	response to a membership email	
9/27/2019	Bravo!	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	in response to Wiley Livestream email	
9/28/2019	I am a huge fan of VMFA. I have visited often. However, Wiley's bronze sculpture is an embarrassment to our magnificent museum. Why not a statue of Gabriel Prosser, who planned an actual slave rebellion near Richmond, Virginia? Or Nat Turner? Harriet Tubman? A current hip hop, urban youth in contemporary attire astride a war horse in a foolish attempt to mock and revise our complex and fascinating actual history. How much money did you waste on this piece of nonsense? How sad....I do not know if I can bring myself to ever attend another function at VFAM.	email info@vmfa.museum	Courtney	in response to Wiley Livestream email	
9/28/2019	VFAM - Virginia Foolish Art Museum	email info@vmfa.museum	Courtney	in response to Wiley Livestream email	

9/30/2019	Gentlemen: How can I get in touch with Kehinde Wiley, artist? He wants his sculpture erected but wants Confederate monuments torn down? He doesn't know his history and needs to be sent back to Nigeria! I want to tell him why the south fought. Please send me this information asap. Thank U in advance. Charlene Sullins & two purr+fect sweet cats, Handsome & Maude.	email info@vmfa.museum	Brigette	in response to Wiley Livestream email	
9/30/2019	Very excited about our new acquisition but concerned in regards to our security. There will be a lot of mean & nasty people against it who may try to damage it and we need high security to ascertain it's protection	phone call	amanda		
10/3/2019	Called because her friends in New York who were at the unveiling are very concerned that people in Virginia will try to damage the sculpture and they think that we don't have the capability to adequately protect it. They think the sculpture should stay in New York where it's safe. She called to see if we're going to have security for the sculpture so she can relay that to her friends. She's very excited and wants to come to the unveiling.	phone call	Brigette		
10/9/2019	I have decided not to renew my membership at this time. I love the museum, but when I found out that the deplorable statue by K. Wiley would be a permanent fixture on the grounds of VMFA, I was very upset. We have enough problems in Richmond between the races without having this statue on the lawn. Not only is it provocative, but to me it is just plain ugly. I am sorry that the museum has chosen this to represent them..	Email membership@vmfa.museum	Courtney		
10/10/2019	Congratulations to the Museum for purchase of Rumors of War!	comment card	amanda		